



Ten years of IP5 co-operation Results and major achievements



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Meeting the challenges

IP5 co-operation was initiated in 2007 to address the issue of rapidly increasing filings resulting in growing backlogs

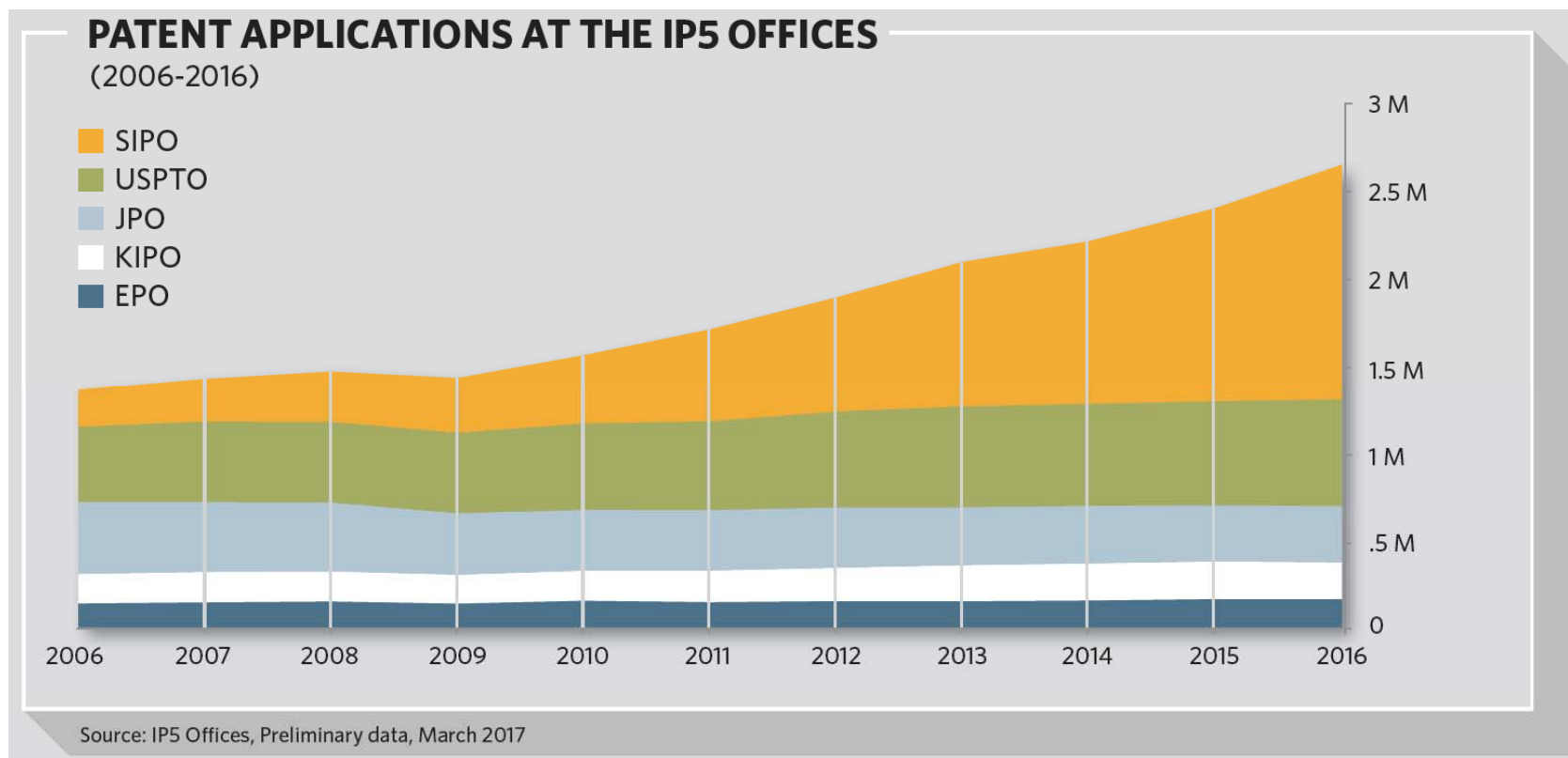
- **Work-sharing** considered the main tool for addressing this issue

IP5 Vision agreed in 2008:

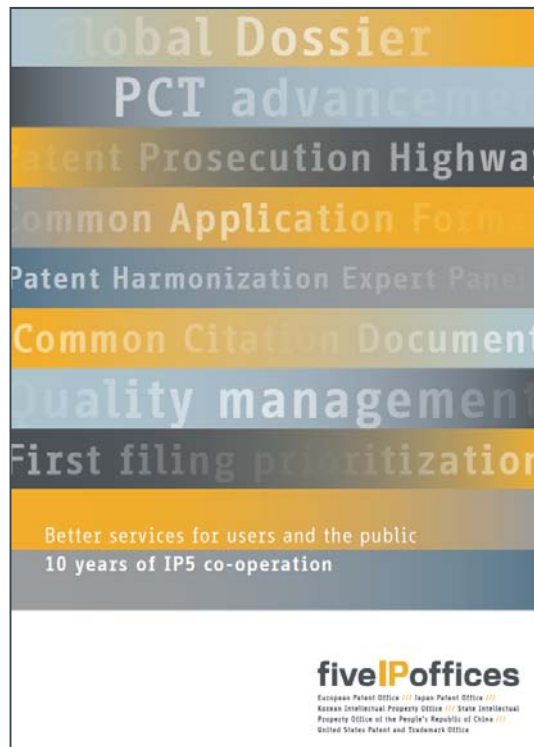
“The elimination of unnecessary duplication of work among the offices, enhancement of patent examination efficiency and quality, and guarantee of the stability of patent rights”

- **Timeliness** and **quality** key drivers

Evolution of applications at the IP5 offices

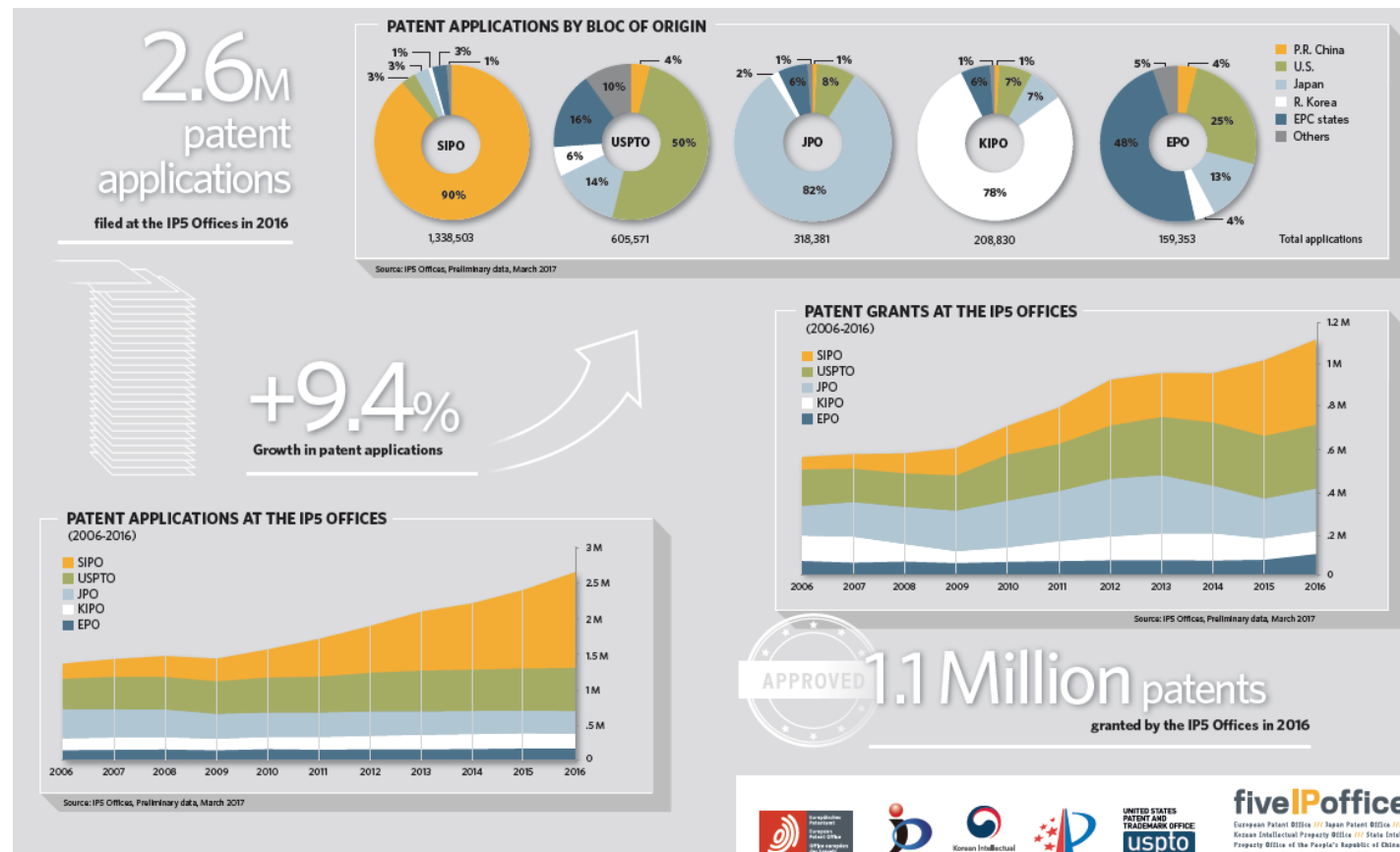


Ten years of successful co-operation: The results

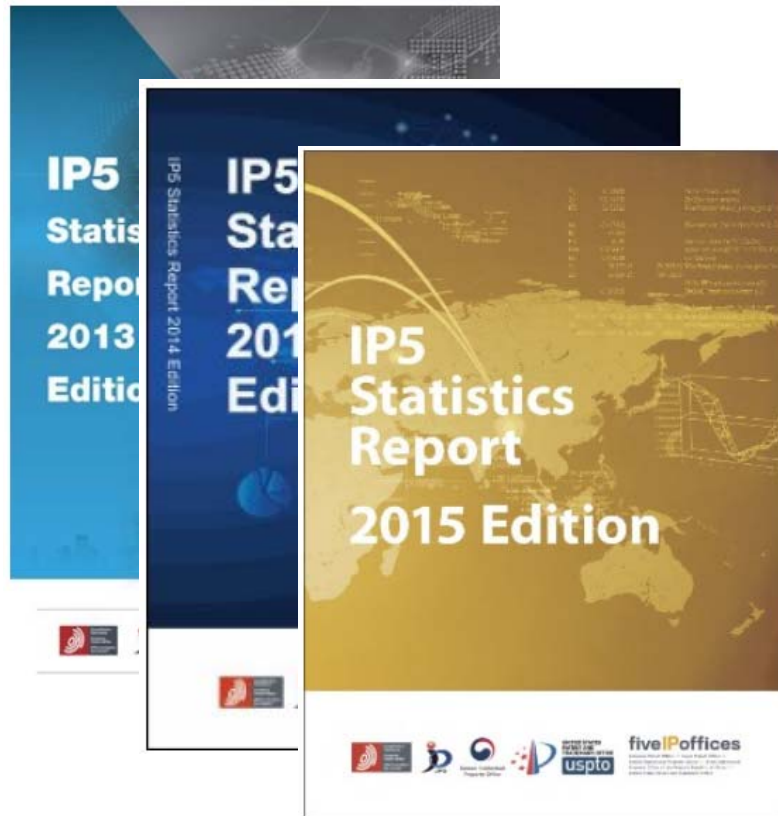


- Common Citation Document (CCD)
- Global Dossier
- Common Application Format (CAF)
- Classification
- Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH)
- Harmonising patent practices and procedures
- Statistics
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Statistics: Infographic with key IP5 indicators



IP5 Statistics Report: a regular product of the IP5



- The IP5 Offices collate and publish their patent statistics in an annual report
 - *Allows more informed workload planning at the IP5 Offices*
 - *Provides more consistent view for external policymakers*

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Common Citation Document (CCD)

Keeping track of numerous parallel applications around the world: challenge for applicants;

The CCD, an EPO maintained tool in the IP5 cooperation context, offers access to 28.5 million search reports results of more than 30 patent authorities giving access to 263 million cited records.

The IP5 Offices are all striving at delivering enriched citations. This is already the case for the EPO, SIPO and JPO. The USPTO and KIPO are expected to follow this move.

Industry expects further progress on using the CCD in the context of the citation of prior art project and the delivery of citation data;

Global Dossier

The Global Dossier allows an internal (IP5 offices) exchange of results thereby raising the quality of work done.

The Global Dossier reduces costs and timelines for applicants.

In 2016, 2.5 million GD public requests were made through EPO online services. 2.7 million GD requests were made on EPO files through other IP5 Offices.

Those numbers demonstrate the value of the Global Dossier and illustrate the success of IP5 cooperation.

Common Application Format

- A standardised common template for multiple patent applications, original proposal of Industry Trilateral; picked up by Offices;
- Streamlines and makes patent filings easier for applicants;
- CAF is instrumental for the IP5 Offices digitisation endeavours as it allows for the creation of an IP5 XML document format for electronic filing that can be re-used at other Offices.
- Awareness needs to improve; Joint efforts by Offices and industry;

Classification

- De facto standard hosted by EPO and USPTO: Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC);
- Worldwide standard hosted by WIPO: International Patent Classification IPC;
- One classification with one philosophy: significant step forward!
- Alignment with other classification systems (IPC) key!

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Global Dossier

Access to [file wrappers](#) of IP5 patent family members in a single location.

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Common Citation Document

Search patent citations across the members of a patent family in the IP5 [Common Citation Document \(CCD\)](#) database.

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2016 statistical indicators

The IP5 Offices have published their preliminary statistical data for 2016, covering overall trends at IP5 level.

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